

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 1310
Koichiro TANAKA et al.)	Examiner: Bradley Smith
Serial No. 10/579,239)	Group Art Unit: 2894
Filed: May 12, 2006)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)	
THE SAME)	

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 13, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.